

COUNTRY

East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC VP Border Regiment in Halberstadt

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. [redacted] the VP border regiment in Halberstadt is directly assigned to the Ministry of State Security in Berlin, while its technical employment is directed by a Soviet Army division headquarters in Magdeburg. The Soviet division headquarters is charged with border guard duties from the Brocken Mountain as far as Osterburg, in the southern part of the Altmark. A Soviet battalion, which is commanded by a major and whose headquarters is in Oschersleben is responsible for border guard duties from the Brocken Mt as far as Marienborn on the Helmstedt-Berlin autobahn.
2. The barracks installation at Halberstadt airfield must be evacuated allegedly for the VP border regiment. The installation includes two blocks of quartering buildings each with a capacity of about one company.

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Comment. [redacted]

[redacted] it is intended to redesignate the border police Bereitschaften into regiments, the komendaturas into battalions and the Kommandos into companies. Officially this redesignation has not taken place. The headquarters of the 19th Gds Mecz Div is stationed in Magdeburg. However, none of the component units of this division has been assigned border guard duties. [redacted] the headquarters of the Third Shock Army in Magdeburg, which is [redacted] responsible for the zonal boundary between the Harz Mts and the Elbe River. No Soviet troops have been observed in Oschersleben to date.

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